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2027 MD 11 LIONS CONVENTION

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Executive Director's Pride

LION WENDY BURNS



Fellow Lions,

We are excited to share an important development for Lions across Michigan! The Lions Michigan Forum and the Multiple District 11 Lions Convention are forming a new partnership, bringing these two longstanding events together to bring you an even greater experience this year.

By combining our efforts, ideas, and resources, both committees will work together to create an event that will highlight these highly popular events.

The MD 11 Convention will be held in Traverse City May 20-22, 2027 and we are proud to be hosting President Mark and Lion Lyn Lyon as our LCI guests. This presents an excellent opportunity to showcase our long standing Forum with a day of leadership training and a keynote luncheon, followed by the traditions of our annual MD 11 Convention. This isn't a new concept, but one that has been discussed for several years, as we've seen conventions and other events become smaller in size, yet are rising in costs. We'll never know how it works until we try it, and now is the time.

We are committed to preserving the best of what each event offers while exploring new opportunities to make this combined experience even more meaningful, welcoming, and successful.

This new partnership represents an exciting step forward for Michigan Lions. We look forward to working together, listening to our members, and reimagining a combined Lions Michigan Forum and MD 11 Convention that we can all be proud of.

Yours in Service – Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director

MD 11 COUNCIL CHAIR CHERYL ANDERSON

Like the Fall Leaves, Lions Clubs Can Embrace Change

As the leaves turn with the arrival of fall, they remind us that change is part of every season. For Lions clubs, change can be an opportunity to reflect, renew and find new ways to serve.

Thoughtful change can help a club provide meaningful service, maintain strong and active membership, and develop new leaders. Like the colors of fall, each club's path may look a little different—but with members working together, change can help the club grow and thrive and become vibrant like the fall colors.

A club doesn't need to change everything at once. It can begin by looking honestly at how it operates: What is working well? What could be improved? Are meetings meeting members' needs? Are there new service opportunities that would make a difference in the community? These are all vital questions you need to ask of your club.

If this is something you are struggling with, ask your District Governor. Your District Governor is enthused and excited to help any club that needs assistance, whether it be change or help with an existing situation. Please reach out to your Governor!!!

Enjoy the season of color and change.

In Service and Friendship,
Cheryl Anderson
MD-11 Council Chair, 2026-27





The Lions year started with a bang. The international Convention was just the beginning.

All of the Governors from across the state attended and were inducted in Hong Kong. It was an opportunity for us to further bond in an effort to work together as the Council of Governors in the upcoming year. As Governors, in addition to managing our own districts, we meet 5 times a year to make decisions that affect all the Lions across the state. As Governor's we know reporting is one of the keys to advancing our cause as Lions. I am encouraged by the progress we are making in this area in our District.

Education is also a top priority. Not only to educate and orient our new members but all elected and appointed officers must take the initiative to become educated. If we ignore our duty to educate ourselves, we stifle our ability to lead and serve. Opportunities are readily available to avail ourselves in being responsible to our clubs and our District.

As our international President Mark Lyon says we are rooted in service as Lions. Service in our communities, our state and across the world. As we report and advocate our service we will grow as Lions within ourselves and as a group, we become stronger and around our district we continue to have fun as we serve. We have fund raisers that touch the lives of the people we serve.

DG Toby Webber

In February 2026, the Carrollton Lions participated in Sleep in Heavenly Peace's Bed Building Day. They have since participated in the April and May build days, and the bed delivery day in May. In April, the Lions held a euchre tournament benefitting Sleep in Heavenly Peace and raised $1000 for building supplies.







Michigan Smile Makers Lions Club

District Governor Kimberly Thiede was presented with the first Quarterly Award presented to MD 11 for the upcoming charter of the newly formed Michigan Smile Makers Lions Club.

Congratulations to District 11 A2 for their dedication to grow the district.

Welcome, Michigan Smile Makers Lions Club!





LION DUANE COMERFORD, MD 11 CHAIR

Lions of Michigan All State Band

October was a busy month for a lot of us and especially those that work with, teach, or participate in marching bands. October in those circles is also sometimes referred to as Bandtober because there are so many band activities during the month. Evey weekend in October there is a high school marching band competition, a band showcase, or a performance at a community event. These young musicians are very busy in the Fall of the year.

Moving on to November, the Michigan Competing Bands Association (MCBA) will be conducting their championship competition at Ford Field, Saturday November 7th. Competition begins at 8AM and there are five flights with the last flight to compete begins at 8PM.
Thousands will be attending and competing on that day and the talent and presentations are incredible.
The Lions of Michigan All State Band (LMASB) representatives will have an information table at this event in efforts to recruit young musicians and their families into the good works of Lions clubs, including our band.
By now, every district should have appointed a band chairperson to promote the band and student participation. We need to work together to recruit and educate our clubs about all the good things that come from music and art in the lives of our young people. Please continue to support the LMASB at the club, district, and state level.

Lion Duane Comerford

DISASTER RELIEF PREPAREDNESS

PLAN AND PREPARE

Michigan is prone to natural disasters. Districts can be better prepared when one occurs by obtaining a Disaster Preparedness Grant. This grant is intended to support districts interested in partnering with local authorities and other community organizations to plan and prepare for future relief efforts following a natural disaster. Grants are available in amounts between $5,000 and $15,000.

- A district can be awarded a Disaster Preparedness Grant once per 24 months.
- Requests must be made in advance of a disaster. Disaster Preparedness Grants cannot be used for relief effort following a natural disaster.
- Local matching funds must account for 25% of the total project budget.
- Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. The LCIF Chairperson has the approval authority for requests.

Information on obtaining the grant can be located by clicking here. Your District Disaster Relief Coordinator can assist in this process.

PCC Ron Gibson
MD11 Disaster Relief Chairperson



LCIF: Membership That Strengthens Our Communities

We're on a mission to grow. By growing, LCIF becomes that much stronger.



Increasing our membership is about much more than adding names to a list. Every new member brings fresh energy, new ideas, and another pair of hands ready to serve. With a stronger membership, we can expand our reach, support more initiatives and give more back to the communities that depend on us.

It sounds simple - invite more people, welcome them into the organization and increase our impact. But meaningful, sustainable growth takes time. It begins with a spirit of encouragement. People are more likely to join when they feel welcomed, valued, and inspired by what they see. Each of us has a role to play by sharing our experiences, inviting others to participate, and helping new members find a sense of purpose and belonging.

Growth also requires a clear understanding of our service. Current and prospective members need to know where our time, energy, and funds are going. When we communicate our impact openly and clearly, people can see the difference their membership makes. That understanding builds trust, pride, and commitment. Membership growth is not the responsibility of one person or one committee. It belongs to all of us. Through consistent encouragement, meaningful service, and transparent communication, we can build an organization that is stronger, more connected, and better equipped to serve.

More members mean more ideas, more resources and more hands ready to help. When we grow together, our communities' benefit.

PCC Terri Huffman, LCIF Co-Chair

upcoming events



OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	NOVEMBER 6-8	NOVEMBER 14
Lions Membership Growth Month Leo Membership Growth Month Vision Awareness Month Week of Service: Vision	*Diabetes Awareness Month*	Lions Leadership Institute Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center Roscommon, MI	*World Diabetes Day*
DECEMBER 4-5	**DECEMBER 5**	**JANUARY**	**FEBRUARY 15**
3rd Council of Governors Meeting Mt. Pleasant Inn Express Mt. Pleasant, MI	*International Volunteer Day*	Sponsor a Peace Poster & Peace Essay Kits go on sale January 15	*Childhood Cancer Day*

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2027-2028 COUNCIL CHAIR APPLICATIONS NOW ACCEPTED!

Please Note the Deadline of November 13, 2026
Attention all eligible Multiple District 11 Past District Governors, Immediate Past District Governors, 1st Vice District Governors: The 2027-2028 Council Chair search is on!

In accordance with the MD 11 Constitution and By-Laws, the Council Chairperson shall be a Past District Governor or Immediate Past District Governor or seated District Governor. He/she shall serve a one-year term and may not serve in that capacity again.

Notice to all eligible candidates is required and published in the Lion Pride at least 40 days prior to the application deadline. To be considered for the position, please submit a cover letter, the application form included in this publication and your resume to the Lions of Michigan State Office no later than **November 13, 2026**. Late applications will not be accepted.

Interviews will be conducted by the seated MD 11- 1st Vice District Governors on Friday afternoon, **December 4, at the Holiday Inn Express Mt. Pleasant**. Selection of the 2027-2028 Council Chair will be made at the conclusion of the interviews and introduced that evening at the Council of Governors meeting.

Submit your application and appropriate forms to: wburns@lionsofmi.com or mail to: Lions of MI, 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911.

Thank you for taking the time to consider serving the Lions of Michigan, MD 11, in this very important capacity.

The MD 11 Global Action Team
Applications now being accepted for the 2027-2028 Lions year

The Global Action Team is a vast network of dedicated Lions of all levels who are focused on helping districts achieve their goals. This important team helps foster club membership growth, increase Lions visibility in the community through impactful service and build strong, innovative leaders.

As a member of the GAT, your success is our success. Whether you're a part of the Global Service Team (GST), Global Membership Team (GMT), Global Extension Team (GET) or Global Leadership Team (GLT), you'll find helpful information and resources on LCI's website that will help you better understand your role and make a greater impact. **You can also learn more about the GAT by taking the Global Action Team course available in the Lions Learning Center using your Lion Account login credentials.**

https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/global-action-team-roles-resources

This is a one-year term and candidates selected by the Multiple District Governors. For a complete overview of each of the GAT positions, please refer to LCI's website. www.lionsclubs.org Applications now being accepted for the 2027-2028 year. Send your letter of interest along with your resume and Lion's history to the Lions State Office. Interview date is yet to be determined. **Deadline to submit: January 15, 2027**

2026-2027
GLOBAL ACTION TEAM LEADERS



PCC DAVID HILL
GLOBAL EXTENSION TEAM



PCC BRENT BERACY
GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM



PCC ROSHNI PATEL
GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM



IPCC BECKY HAMILTON
GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM



PCC RON GIBSON
MD 11 DISASTER RELIEF TEAM



PDG RON RIEBSCHLEGER
CONSTITUTIONAL AREA GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP LEADER

Join the Lions of Michigan







All State Band!





Washington D. C./New York - 2027 Tour

June 30, 2027 - July 8, 2027

All high school musicians are invited to join the Lions of Michigan All State Band as we travel and serve! Our 2027 tour includes performances at the Lincoln Memorial, the Lions International Parade of Nations and the flight deck of the Intrepid! For more information, visit lionsbandmi.org.



LMASB CHARITIES, INC.
LIONS ALL STATE BAND

For application details:

I WANT TO HELP SOMEONE IN NEED

The LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people in Michigan with unmet needs by helping them become more independent. We provide emergency assistance and services aimed at helping people with sight and hearing deficiencies excel in school, secure and retain employment and remain self-sufficient. Your contribution will help us change lives.

Name: _ _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

❑ Enclosed is my gift for $ _____ to the Lions of Michigan Foundation.

❑ Please bill me for $_____ as my gift to the Lions of Michigan Foundation.

❑ Please charge my debit/credit card for $_____. This is a: One Time Gift ____ Monthly Recurring Gift ____ Annual Recurring Gift ____ to the Lions of Michigan Foundation.

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Card Number: __ __ __ __ - __ __ __ __ - __ __ __ __ - __ __ __ __

Expiration Date: _____ CVV Code: _____

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This gift is for the:

❑ KidSight Fund
❑ Eye Care Assistance Fund
❑ General Programs Fund
❑ Medical Care Fund
❑ Dr. Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Centers
❑ Military Family and Veterans Relief Fund
❑ Emergency Disaster Relief Fund
❑ Other _____

This gift is in memory of: _____ in honor of: _____

Please acknowledge my gift to: _____

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41st ANNUAL Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes
A GUARANTEED Fundraiser

TICKET SELLER INCENTIVES

Tickets Sellers Drawing - May 1, 2027
1st Prize - $1,000 - 2nd Prize - $500
3rd Prize -$250 - 4th Prize - $100

Raffle: Lions Club sales of 100 or more tickets
1st Prize - 1 Helen Keller Fellowship

Raffle: New Participating Lions Clubs
1st Prize - 1 Helen Keller Fellowship

GREAT PRIZES

Grand Prize: $5,000 - 2nd Prize: $2,500

3rd Prize - 10th Prize: $1,000 Each

TICKETS - $10 EACH

EASY MONEY

30-99 Tickets Sold = $3.50 Per Ticket
100-249 Tickets Sold = $5.00 Per Ticket
250+ Tickets Sold = $5.50 Per Ticket

DRAWINGS

Ticket Sellers Drawing - May 1, 2027
Lions State Office - Lansing, MI

Final Raffle Drawing - May 22, 2027
Park Place Hotel - Traverse City, MI

Attention–Attention-Attention

Do you have a friend or relative who has everything?

What better gift could you give than one that helps those in need? For a gift of $10, you can buy a Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes ticket for a friend or family member, providing them with a chance to win several cash prizes, including the grand prize of $5,000.

Upon receipt of your gift, we will mail a sweepstakes ticket stub and sweepstakes information to your honoree with a card acknowledging your gift.



www.lmsf.net

Lions of Michigan Foundation - Gift
41st Annual Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes

Donation Amount: $ _____

Donor's Name(s): _____
Donor's Email Address: _____
Donor's Street Address: _____
City: _____State:_____Zip Code:_____

Honoree's Name: _____
Honoree's Email Address: _____
Honoree's Street Address: _____
City:_____State:_____Zip Code:_____

Diabetes Grant Program

Diabetes Grants fund large-scale diabetes projects to improve the public health of a community and provide equitable access to services. Projects that serve high-risk, under-served and marginalized populations are encouraged. Lions should partner with local diabetes organizations or medical facilities to plan and implement projects.

Grant guidelines

Diabetes Grants may be requested for up to US$150,000 for single or sub-districts and US$250,000 for multiple districts. The minimum amount that may be requested is US$10,000. Local matching funds are required, and applicants can apply for up to 75 percent of the total project budget. Projects should take place within the applicant district or multiple district. Applications for activities in another country or district are not eligible. Projects have a timeline of two years for completion.

Grant examples

The Diabetes Grant only funds projects that fall into four primary focus areas:

- Diabetes camps
- Screening activities with comprehensive follow-up care plans
- Infrastructure development and equipment acquisition
- Human resource training and capacity building

View the application for definition, goals, eligible and ineligible expenses for the four primary focus areas.

OCTOBER IS



VISION AWARENESS MONTH

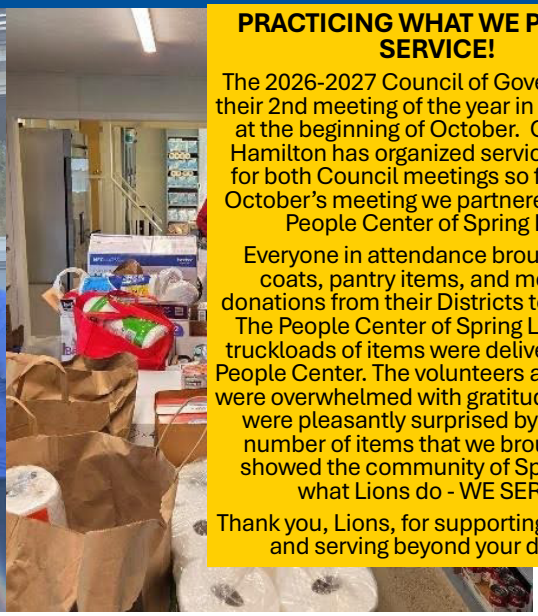
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November 14 World Diabetes Day

Early Action on Diabetes

Happenings Throughout MD 11





PRACTICING WHAT WE PREACH: SERVICE!

The 2026-2027 Council of Governors held their 2nd meeting of the year in Spring Lake at the beginning of October. GST Becky Hamilton has organized service projects for both Council meetings so far, and for October's meeting we partnered with The People Center of Spring Lake.

Everyone in attendance brought food, coats, pantry items, and monetary donations from their Districts to donate to The People Center of Spring Lake. Four truckloads of items were delivered to The People Center. The volunteers at the pantry were overwhelmed with gratitude, and they were pleasantly surprised by the large number of items that we brought. We showed the community of Spring Lake what Lions do - WE SERVE!

Thank you, Lions, for supporting this cause and serving beyond your district!



Governors Tim Dietzel, D2; Teresa Gest, B1; Kimberly Thiede, A2; 1st VDGs Rick DeClaire, III, A2 and Chuck Vasilion, C2, and GST Chair IPCC Becky Hamilton assist with delivery of donated items to The People Center.

"ANYTHING WORTH DOING IS WORTH THE CHALLENGE." Words spoken like a true leader, President Mark Lyon leads by example.

ROOTED IN SERVICE.
Strengthen your Roots.

Stay tuned for details of the 2027 MD 11 Lions Convention to be held in beautiful Traverse City at the Park Place Hotel, featuring honored guests

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT MARK LYON AND LION LYN LYON



Sunset views await Lions from the Park Place Hotel!

Single District 10

Club News / Community / Service • District Governor Gary Perala



The Bark River – Harris Youth Football program held two "Gold Out" games in honor of students who are battling childhood cancer. The games raised $1,400 for the UP Lions Serve childhood cancer program and created awareness of the disease. Gold is the official awareness color for childhood cancer.

Marquette Arts, Music, and Wellness LC recently hosted a dinner and concert at Strega Nonna in Negaunee. Lions from throughout the district and members of the GLRC community enjoyed a delicious Italian buffet and a concert by Marquette Arts, Music, and Wellness LC member Lion Ashlyn Roskowski. Her music included songs and accompaniment from friends from Nashville where she is breaking into the music scene. The second set rocked the house with Ashlyn and her band The Breakers. Their performance and the $50 per plate dinner made it a festive evening which raise funds for GLRC's Compassionate Care Fund. Lions serving through art!





The St Ignace LC celebrated their 90 years of service on Monday August 24, 2026. Congratulations on a great accomplishment!



Northern Michigan University has a new student club which will help spread the word about the LC and Leader Dogs for the Blind (LDB). The club will support students who are interested in raising a puppy for LDB. The "Future Leader Dog Club" was launched this Fall semester with a large amount of interest shown. Marquette Lion PDG Gretchen Preston, LD Ambassador Floyd, and Pam Miller will visit the campus club in October to discuss puppy raising, the life of a working LD, and how a guide dog enhances the lives of those who are blind.



Lion Stephanie Graef is shown presenting her program on Human Trafficking. 25 Lions attended a program at Norway High School hosted by the Vulcan Norway Loretto LC. Graef shared practical ways to recognize possible signs of trafficking in our communities and among people we know—including family members, grandchildren, and minors we may encounter in public places.



DG Gary Perala and St Ignace LC member Paula McNamara who received an official letter from our new International President Lyon congratulating her on 25 years as a Lion member.





When Gwinn Lions President, Steve Finley, asked his local Lions club for service project ideas- his club stepped up in a big way! One of the first projects mentioned was cleaning the Gwinn U.S. Post Office. Like all postal service locations- the Gwinn Post Office had been hit with budget cuts which lead to the cleaning services being cut. And after a long dry summer both the outside and the inside were in need of a little TLC.



District 11-A2

Club News / Community / Service • District Governor Kimberly Thiede

When VDG Rick DeClaire, III heard there was a Lion in need of a ramp, he discovered there were few options for getting one built by local Lions Clubs in the area. During a club visit to Richland LC, he met Lion Mike Manchick who contacted Faith Works Michigan, which is a 501(c)(3) Christian-based organization that does volunteer work for those in need, including installing ramps. Since its first project in 2010, over 100 volunteers have completed well over 1,100 projects and spent over $2 million serving those in need. They are based in Rochester, Michigan.

Within two weeks time, Faith Works Michigan had installed a metal ramp for the Lion member in VDG Rick's club. Now that's service and commitment! They have also installed ramps in New Haven and Richmond, with Lion Mike's assistance. In 2026, 47 ramps were installed and they have completed 27 projects so far this year. VDG DeClaire plans to add Faith Works Michigan to his 2027-28 Governor Goals, so be sure to stay tuned for more!

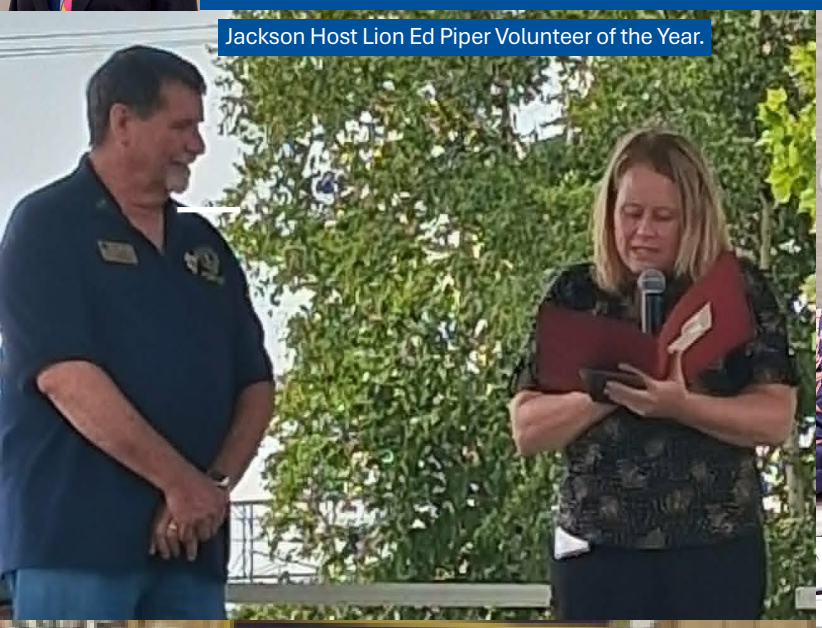






District 11-B1

Club News / Community / Service • District Governor Teresa Gest



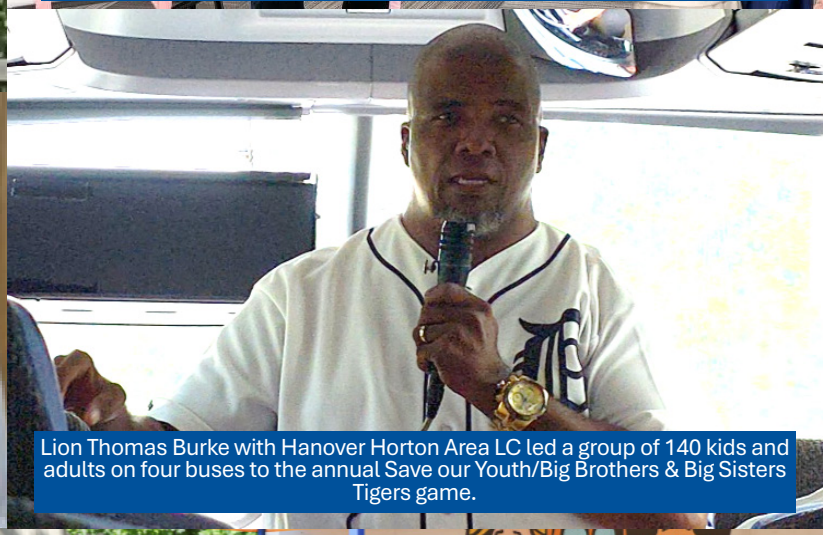
Jackson Host Lion Ed Piper Volunteer of the Year.



Jackson Cascades Lion Jim Van Slette helps a girl pick out her backpack at the Jackson Back to School Blast with 1,400 backpacks filled with school supplies.



Banner exchange from Jackson Host LC by Chris Lake to Battle Creek Cereal City LC Mary Wallace.



Lion Thomas Burke with Hanover Horton Area LC led a group of 140 kids and adults on four buses to the annual Save our Youth/Big Brothers & Big Sisters Tigers game.



The band trailer was in the Grass Lake 4th of July Parade. The Napoleon Lions Community Band is renowned for their performances in local parades.



Carole Briggs with Jackson Eyeopeners LC completes paperwork for one of the 97 screenings at the Jackson Back-to-School Blast.



Jackson Cascades LC hosted the Annual John George Picnic where Lions cooked and served BBQ lunch. Ron Meagher, John Hammond, Cathy Bliss, Milo Fisher, Zakk Lawrence, David Shafer, Mary Ann Robinson, and Dave Robinson volunteered valuable service time.



Jackson Nonprofit Save our Youth dedicated the Youth Matters Playground. Save our Youth leaders from Hanover Horton Area, Lions Thomas Burke, Doug Nicoson, Dawn Nicoson and Harold White of Quest South East Jackson LC.



Vandercook Lake Lions Sally Meador, Jim Mason, and Shirley Stimer served at the Vandercook Community Block Party.



Lions Tammy Alger and Suzie Skinner served VCL high school staff breakfast.



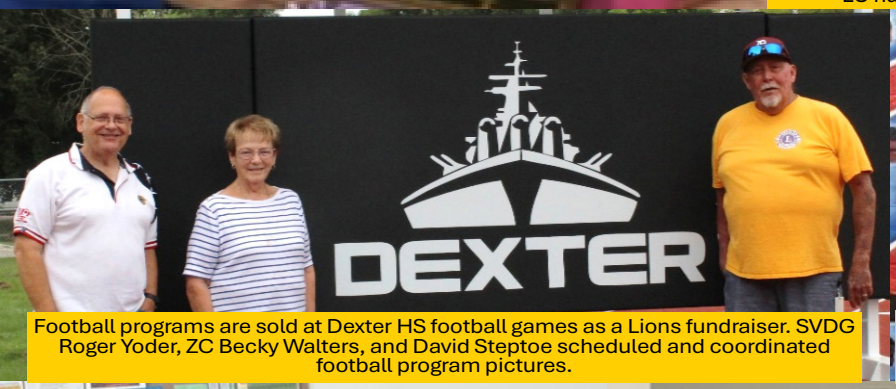
PCC Dave Hill presents the PDG Dave Hill Outstanding Membership Gain Award for the highest net gain in club membership to PDG Annette Hemeryck. The Hanover Horton Area LC gained 10 new members in 25-26.



IPDG Bea Furman hands the PDG Paul Frederick Spark Plug Award for highest percentage gain in club membership to PDG Annette Hemeryck. The Hanover Horton Area LC had a 91.66% gain for 25-26.



Lions Margaret O'Connor, Cyndie Gorton, and PID Esther LaMothe. LCI 15-Year Pin for Cyndie Gorton. Lion Connie Neese sponsored Cyndie in January of 2011!



Football programs are sold at Dexter HS football games as a Lions fundraiser. SVDG Roger Yoder, ZC Becky Walters, and David Steptoe scheduled and coordinated football program pictures.



Dexter Louie Ceriani Scholarship
Lion's scholarship for Dexter HS graduate Amelia Musleh, who will attend the University of Michigan for a degree in music.



Lions of the Year Piper and Fawcett
The Dexter Lions Club recognized two exceptional Lions! Past President Chuck Hughes, Donna Piper, and Kelly Fawcett.



Ann Arbor Host Community Partner
Check and Certificate of Partnership for Ypsilanti Senior Center. AA Host Lion and YSC employee Joyce Blair with President Diana Kern.



Tamera Clark and Mark Yoder carry the Team Lions banner at the 2026 Jackson County Relay for Life at the Jackson Cascades Park.



Ann Arbor Host Lions Donated 50 Scholastic books to Educate Youth of Ypsilanti. HS and MS students each chose two books they wanted.



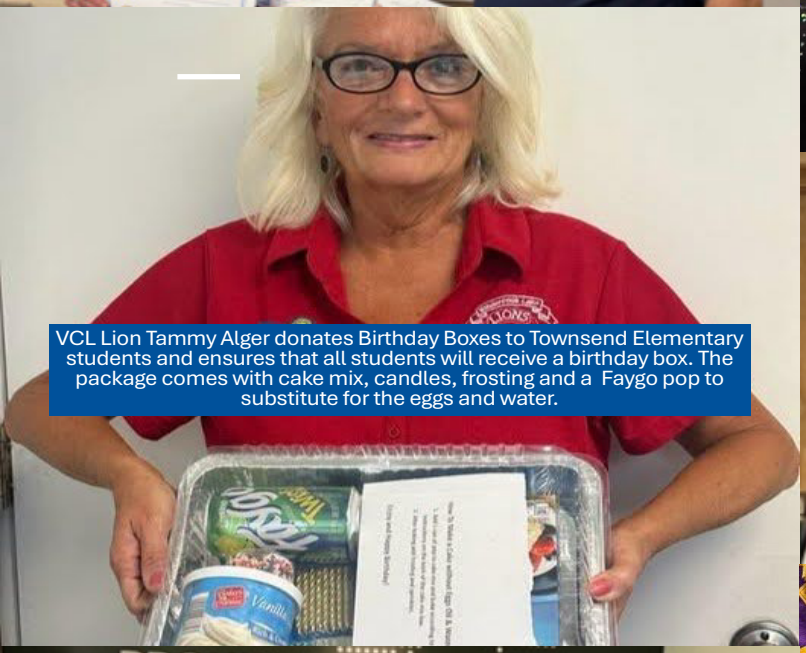
Certificate and Check for Eversight
Ann Arbor Host to prepare Eversight Lions history display. Amanda Fredrick, Alex Teska, Lora Frankel, and President Diana Kern.



The Peace Neighborhood Center Certificate of Partnership and checks for Ann Arbor nonprofit.
Sue Upton, Director of Major Gifts and Foundations; Oona Young, College/Career Prep Program Manager; and Lion Richard Westbury.



PCC Peggy Allen and PCC CT Barry at the Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame Ceremony



VCL Lion Tammy Alger donates Birthday Boxes to Townsend Elementary students and ensures that all students will receive a birthday box. The package comes with cake mix, candles, frosting and a Faygo pop to substitute for the eggs and water.



DG Teresa Gest & IPDG Bea Furman



Cereal City donated $2,000 to the South MI Food Bank at the Spaghetti Fundraiser Donation. Lori Suni (SMFB), Lorraine Kendall (Franklin Food Pantry), President Dorothy Bosse, Nancy Gallant, Muriel Walters, and Roger Bosse.



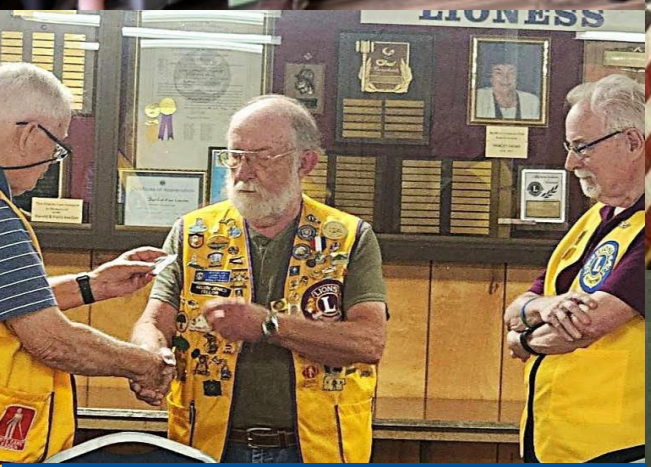
Bryan Cook conducted the induction of new Pennfield Lion Robert Herrera.
Lions Robert Herrera, Bryan Cook, and sponsor Tony Goodman.



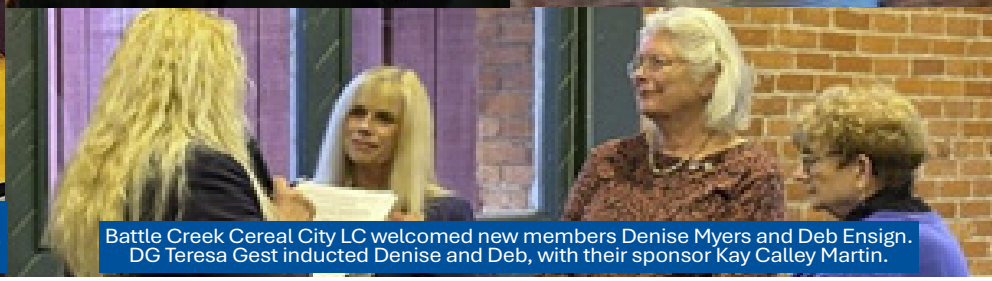
Roger Spriggs was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship.
Lions PDG Roger Spriggs and DG Teresa Gest.



Jane Cook of Battle Creek Cereal City was presented the "Lion of the Year" award. She served admirably as her club's treasurer for 25-26.



Lion Ron Keagle was honored with the Senior Builder Award for sponsoring 15 Lions. Secretary Jack Wykoff, Treasurer Ron Keagle, and PDG Roger Spriggs.



Battle Creek Cereal City LC welcomed new members Denise Myers and Deb Ensign.
DG Teresa Gest inducted Denise and Deb, with their sponsor Kay Calley Martin.



The Clinton Lions had a table at The Clinton Summerfest & Antique Tractor Show. Lions Kitty Graham, Laura Baker, and VP Dick Graham.



Free ice cream for Dexter Music in the Park guests. Lions Patty Dobbs, Mike Fawcett, Chuck Hughes and Bob Steptoe served free ice cream donated by the Dexter Creamery.



The food kiosk ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Grass Lake Lions Hunger Service Project. Lions President Gary Titler and Chamber President Larry Memmer.



The 4th of July tradition of the Grass Lake Cardboard Boat Race is organized by members of the Grass Lake LC.



UM Lions collected eyeglasses on campus to be recycled. South Lyon HS student Aditya Talakanti and Lion Caroline Yoder.



North Jackson Lions Meeting at Beck's Flower Shop & Gardens with a visit fromSleep in Heavenly Peace of Jackson.



The annual celebration of Lionism was held at the Clinton LC Annual Picnic. The Lions gathered to have fun, reflect, and share good food!



Manchester Lions present PDG Red Jacket. PCC Peggy Allen, IPDG Bea Furman, and PCC CT Barry Allen.



The Concord Lions Concession Stand is their largest fundraiser. Lion Rusty Travis and Deb Boldt serve baseball fans at the games.



District 11-C1

Club News / Community / Service • District Governor Brian Werschem



Clubs across MD 11 C1 attended the most highly anticipated event in 30 years: Charter Night of the newly established Norton Shores LC, sponsored by Muskegon Northside LC.
Charter officers: President Gary Nelund; Secretary Molly Shepard; Treasurer Conner Werschem; Membership Chair Matt Flenar. Congratulations to all!





Lion members from District 11-C1, Zone 1, namely Fruitport, Muskegon Host, Muskegon Northside, and Ravenna, joined forces with Fruitport Leo, Youth Exchanges, families and friends for an unforgettable night at Mona Lake in Norton Shores to watch the Grand City Show Skiers, sparking joy and creating lifelong memories. A heartfelt thank you to each attendee for being part of this extraordinary experience, fueling our spirit with Roar, Roar, Roar!





Lion Walter (Wally) Weber with DG Brian Werschem.



Fremont LC created this Highland calf and set her loose in Veteran's Memorial Park to compete in a local food drive. What a great way to SERVE – even the cows want to be Lions!

Fruitport Lions and Leo Clubs, including Leo Braden Leslie, prepared for the Fruitport Annual Slip and Slide, a community water event featuring a large slide, music, and food. The event was hosted by the Fruitport LC.





Fruitport LC held a KidSight screening with help from Lions Elvie Marfil, Etta Bostrom, Luanne Hammond, Mike Hakenjos, Mark and Sue Graves. 169 students participated with 17 being referred eye exams.



Sparta LC mentally prepares to cook up another famous dinner at the annual Sparta Applefest!



Members of several C1 Clubs showed support by attending and contributing to another memorable Fruitport Fish Fry. Over 75 Lions and guests came together to serve, celebrate, and make a difference in our community!



DG Werschem presented 4 Ravenna Lions with their chevrons and service letters. These 3 Lions represent over 200 years of Lionism. Two are 70-year members and two are 60-year members, equaling 260 years of Lionism! Lions Bruce Jones, Don Swanson, and Ken Patterson alongside DG Brian.



DG Brian Werschem joined the Fruitport LC at their annual Fish Fry dinner, networking while handing out commemorative pins.



Fruitport LC cooking for their annual Fish Fry dinner - there sure was a great turnout for this popular event!



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Grand Ledge LC congratulates Barb Dunn, this year's lucky winner of the Grand Ledge Lions tractor drawing! Barb elected to receive the $2,500 cash prize rather than the tractor. A special thank-you goes to Dick and Judy Sena for once again leading the club in ticket sales. Your outstanding support and dedication are greatly appreciated!



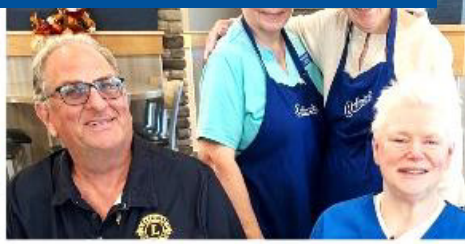


St. Johns LC had a lot of fun at Culver's participating in the "Share Night" fundraiser. Thank you to servers: Lions Pauline Baert, Nancy Baker, Angie Beals, Jeff & LuAnn Cannell, Trina Fitzsimmons and her sister, Mona Kindel, Cheryl Hickey, Bob & Gwyn Jansen, and our onsite coordinator, Nancy Presocki. Money raised will help fund the $500 community service scholarships they award to two deserving St. Johns High School seniors.



Not every minute of learning at the USA/Canada Forum in Memphis was spent in seminars!
IPCC Becky Hamilton getting her groove on.











Olivet LC members were awarded for their past service to the Olivet Community. 1st VG Charles Vasilion awarded Lion Becky Britton, Lion Gale Knoll and Lion Marie Heisler Ames chevrons for their service.



C2 Lions IPCC Becky Hamilton, and PDGs Carl and Aleta Cozart.



Mason LC members Jeff Routson and Doug Klein, along with fellow club members served their community's first responders at the fire department for the annual Mason Cares Day on 9/11.



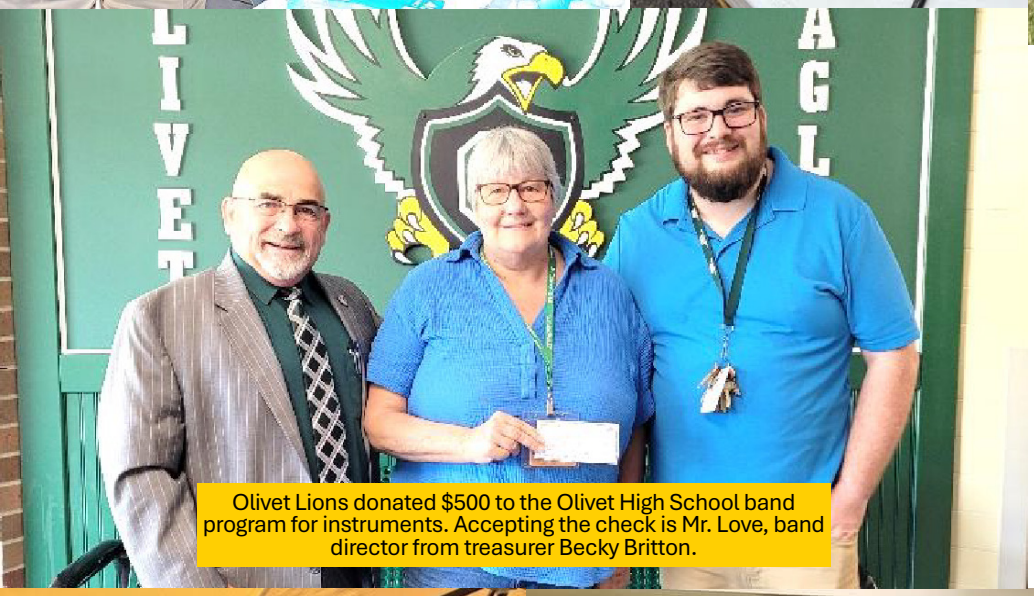
Lion Dennis Long at the Elsie Dairy Festival, one of our largest fundraisers for the year!



Ashley LC hosted the 67th Annual Chicken BBQ with 225 chicken halves prepared, along with sides of baked beans, potato salad, bread, and cookies. The community looks forward to this event every year and is very supportive!



Governor Kenny Kinsey presented Brandi Bauer with the Melvin Jones Fellow recognition. This honor recognizes Brandi's outstanding commitment to service, leadership, and making a difference in her community.



Olivet Lions donated $500 to the Olivet High School band program for instruments. Accepting the check is Mr. Love, band director from treasurer Becky Britton.





Lion Roger Weyersberg (Santa) helps draw in kids for our Annual Kids Sight Day at the Elsie Dairy Festival, we tested 35 Children and had two referrals!



Durand LC celebrated our 50th anniversary this month. PDG Ted Hamilton and Lion Treasurer Sean Krebs received Presidential Certificates of Appreciation for all of the hard work they do for the club, and for their dedication at the district level.

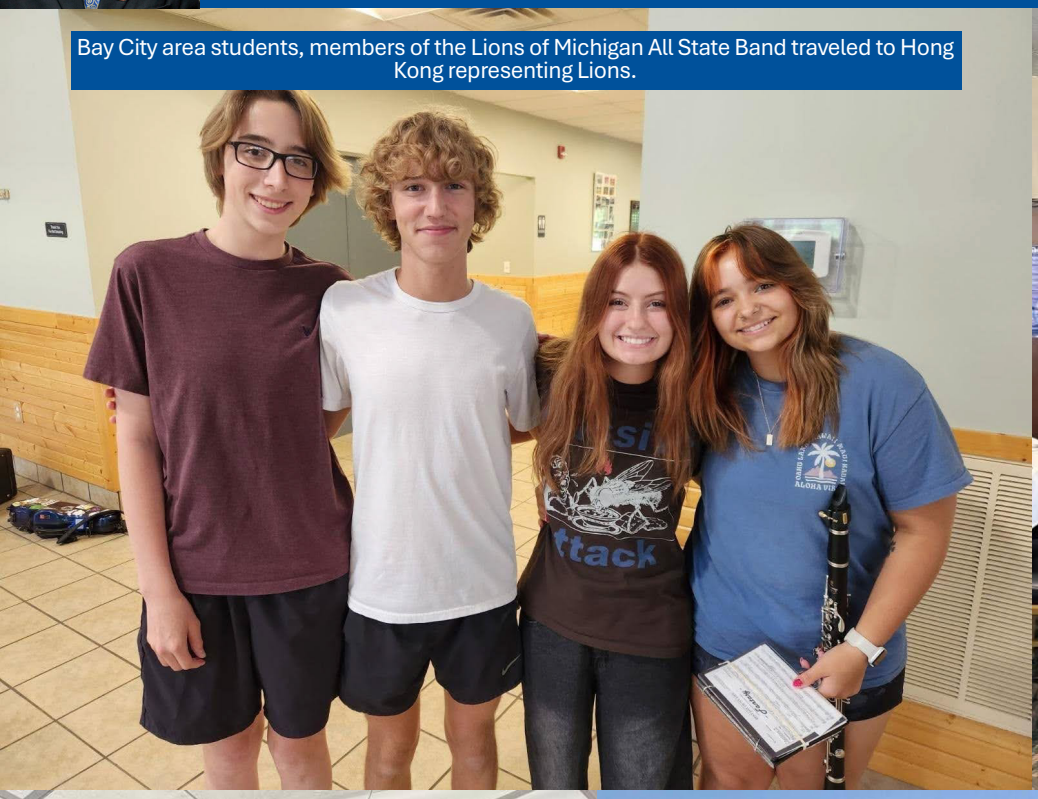


Lion Dean Hartenburg, president of the St. Johns LC, presented the club's annual donation to Pastor Jim Pearl, board president of the Basic Needs Center. The center provides essential food and household necessities to those in need, serving hundreds of people and households every year.



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Bay City area students, members of the Lions of Michigan All State Band traveled to Hong Kong representing Lions.



D1's 2026 Fall Conference had speakers Scott Simmons from the Fish & Wildlife Service, Connie Cheren from Partners in Care and 11-year-old Elijah Dottery. As well as the Parade of Checks, attendees held a passing of the hat for Elijah and his cause in the fight against Sickle Cell Anemia. Overall, the Parade of Checks donations totaled $43,527.00!



Flushing Lions were busy serving up concessions at yet another car show!

Saturn Grillo, Westin Wieland, Clara Yvon, and alumni Warner Wieland are traveling to Hong Kong to represent MI at the LCI Convention, where they will also perform at 3 local Hong Kong schools. They'll have the unique opportunity to rehearse and perform alongside the local student musician, a wonderful cultural and musical exchange.





Caro LC sponsored 2 Cub Scouts. VP Steve Brinkman, scout Thomas, Scoutmaster Steve Chambers and 2nd VDG Tony Szcygiel.



Frankenmuth Lion Haus has long provided a venue for the Frankenmuth LC to congregate for club activities and serve food while raising money to support LCI and community causes. Members recently devoted many hours to refurbish the exterior of the building and work is being completed on the exterior patio to provide outdoor seating for club events and for the community.





The recent USA/Canada Forum in Memphis was attended by several Michigan Lions members!



IPDG Jerry Whitney with members of the D1 cabinet. Lion Jerry was honored for his service to the members of District D1 and inducted into the gray-coat club with fellow PDGs. His time and dedication are greatly appreciated!



Millington LC proudly presents a check for $1,000 to Cindy Wilson of the Millington Historical Society to assist with the funding of the Millington Mural. Local artist Jeff Bolzman was commissioned to recreate scenes of local history on the RC Racing building.



Congratulations to Flushing Lions Tom and Audrey for being chosen as Lions of the Year! Thank you both for all your hard work and dedication to the club.



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The Paul Bunyan 5K Raffle is the Oscoda LC's biggest fundraiser each year with money raised used for the Lions work in the community including vision, hearing, scholarships, food pantry support, wheelchair ramps, etc. The club prints 3000 tickets each year and sold all of the tickets again this year. Thank you to all the sponsors and every person who bought a ticket or made a donation during this fundraising effort!



Central Lake Lions doing their part in road cleanup!



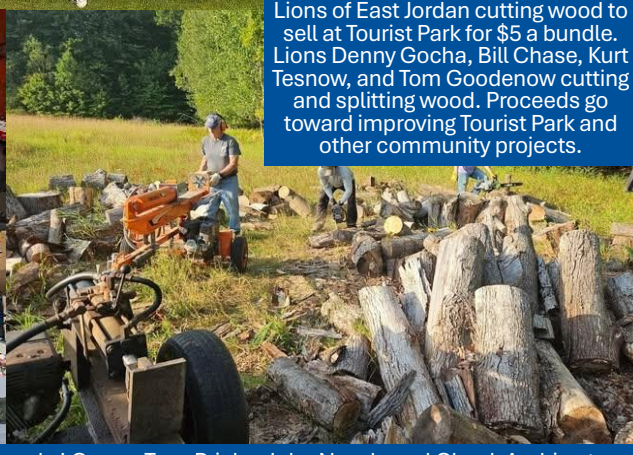
East Jordan Lions participated in the Freedom Festival, entering their very impressive float which is pictured with Lion of the Year Greg McGeorge.



Thanks to all the players and sponsors that supported this year's Beaverton LC Memorial Golf Outing! Over $7k was raised and will be used to support our community. THANK YOU!



East Jordan Lions had a successful garage sale with proceeds going to local families, community projects, and to Childhood Cancer. DG Dennis and Linda Gocha.



Lions of East Jordan cutting wood to sell at Tourist Park for $5 a bundle. Lions Denny Gocha, Bill Chase, Kurt Tesnow, and Tom Goodenow cutting and splitting wood. Proceeds go toward improving Tourist Park and other community projects.



Members of the East Jordan LC enjoying a day at the beach!



Oscoda LC crew Tony Priebe, John Novak, and Chuck Andrina tore out the rotted platform, built a new 5'x6' platform with railings, and reattached the existing stairs of a deteriorated platform/deck that made access to this mobile home difficult and unsafe. The homeowner was very appreciative of the crews work as she is scheduled to undergo surgery soon and is glad she will have safe access to get in and out of her home.



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